

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-11 and 13 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter thereof; amend claims 12 and 14-15; and add new claims 16-17, as listed in the following listing of the claims, which replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1-11. (Canceled)

12. (Currently Amended) A[[n]] digital electronic still camera, comprising:
an image-capturing section for outputting electric imager that converts an object-
image to electronic signals from a picked-up image, so as to generate an image data;
set from said electronic signals; and

a camera controller including a CPU;

a memory that includes at least including a first storing region for storing a
camera control program required for the CPU and a second storing region for storing
said image data separately from camera control data specific to the digital still camera
and recorded during a manufacturing process.[:]]

wherein[[:]] the camera controller is adapted to read out the camera control
program in the first storing region while writing or erasing image data in the second

~~storing region, even if either said first storing region or said second storing region is in process of a writing or erasing operation of data stored therein, a readout operation for another one of them can be simultaneously performed, and said first storing region includes at least two rewritable storing sections, one of which is a camera adjusting data memory section for storing camera adjusting data to compensate for a difference between cameras, and another of which is an image data memory section for storing said image data set as an image file.~~

13. (Canceled)

14. (Currently Amended) The digital ~~electronic~~ still camera of claim 12, wherein ~~each of the first storing region and the second storing region~~ each ~~include a plurality of storage units, is a large unit of a storing region, which includes one or more small unit(s) of (a) storing section(s).~~

15. (Currently Amended) The digital ~~electronic~~ still camera of claim 12, wherein said memory is a non-volatile memory.

16. (New) The digital still camera of claim 12, wherein the first storing region includes a boot program area for the CPU.

17. (New) The digital still camera of claim 12, further comprising:
an interface for connecting to a personal computer,
wherein the first storing region is adapted to store a program for installation in the
personal computer via the interface.